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In re

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For: IMAGE RECOGNITION APPARATUS, IMAGE
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following item to the attention of the Examiner. A copy of the document is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. The enclosed document is an English translation of:

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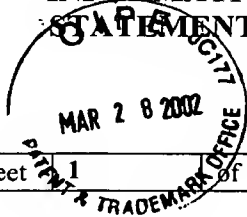
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